

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An assembly, comprising: an internal casing and a support device for nozzles in a gas turbine stage, said nozzles being grouped together in sectors and each of said sectors being connected externally to an external casing of said gas turbine by means of said support device, said support device being kept in position by said internal casing, there also being formed first cooling holes on said internal casing and second cooling holes on said support device, wherein said first cooling holes of said internal casing have an extension substantially parallel to the axis of said gas turbine, wherein said first holes are arranged circumferentially and are forty-two in number, wherein the assembly further comprises an anti-rotation pin located substantially at the front of said support device, and wherein said support device comprises a contact surface at the back side of the said support device that supports an axial thrust between the internal casing and said support device instead of the anti-rotation pin.
2. (Previously Presented) An assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said support device has an internal cooling recess.
3. (Previously Presented) An assembly according to Claim 1, wherein cooling inserts are provided in said support device.
4. (Previously Presented) An assembly according to Claim 3, wherein said cooling inserts are brazed along an external diameter of said support device.
5. (Canceled) An assembly according to Claim 1, wherein an anti-rotational pin is provided, being located substantially at the front of said support device.
6. (Canceled) An assembly according to Claim 1, further comprising a contact surface supporting an axial thrust exists between said internal casing and said support device.

7. (Canceled) An assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said support devices are grouped together in sectors.
8. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said support ~~devices~~ are device is kept in position by said internal casing by means of grooves and pins and interlocking joints with said nozzles.
9. (Previously Presented) An assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said second cooling holes are arranged at the rear of said support device.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Previously Presented) An assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said first holes each have an approximate diameter of 1.8 mm.
12. (Previously Presented) An assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said stage is the first high-pressure stage of a gas turbine.